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## **REMARKS**

Claims 2, 3, and 12 have been previously canceled. Claims 1, 4 through 11, and 13 through 20 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cobes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,480,208) in view of Li (U.S. Patent No. 5,865,940) and Farmer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,973,511). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As to the primary reference applied by the Examiner, U.S. Patent No. 5,480,208 to Cobes et al. discloses an S-portion for a frame-type vehicle body construction and an associated method. A vehicle in body white 10 for an automobile includes a driver side subassembly 12, an underbody subassembly 14, and a passenger side subassembly 16. The vehicle body construction

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